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For : DISCHARGE LAMP LIGHTING CONTROL DEVICE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of November 21, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 21, 2008, with the present response being filed by the two month due date of January 22, 2008 (January 21, 2008 being a Federal Holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper:

**Remarks** began on page 11 of this paper: